Princeton, Mar. 22nd, 1922

Dear Mr. Robinson,

Your letter received. After looking over the ground, I have determined upon the following, if convenient to you.

Leave N.Y. on April 23, and arrive at Lockport on the 24; leave Lockport early on the 26. As to addresses, I will leave it to you to decide what is best.

Yours very sincerely,

J. C. R. Ewing.

May 24, 1922.

Mr. John Nevin Sayre,
9 VanDam Street,
New York City.

My dear Nevin,-

Was glad to hear from you. I hope you are finding this new work congenial. I am very glad to hear of your marriage and you have my best wishes and prayers for great happiness.

Send me a sample copy of the magazine and let me see it. I have a good many journals but I should be very happy to take it.

The chance of my getting to Princeton is nil. This preacher's job is steady as you know.

Yours as ever,

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May 16th, 1922

Rev. Stewart M. Robinson,
2130 Stillman Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Stew:

I am sending you under separate cover the May issue of The World Tomorrow which I think may interest you. I am editing this magazine now and under the new plan which we are following of concentrating most of the articles around a single topic each month, with book reviews, suggestions for further reading, and group discussion, The World Tomorrow has a new value which is perhaps unique among magazines.

It would be a pleasure to number you among our subscribers, if you feel so inclined, but, of course, you must not subscribe because I suggest this, but only if you feel that the magazine itself is worth while.

You probably know that I was married last February. My wife and I are now living at 9 Van Dam Street, New York, and we would be glad to put you up or give you a meal any time that you come. I would sure like to see you and you can reach me on the telephone when you are in the city. I hope you will be at the Crusaders meeting at Princeton on June 18th. I always count on seeing the fellows there.

Yours as ever,

Nevin Sayre

JNS:FS

May 29, 1922.

Mr. E. A. Rogers,
197 Pine Street,
Lockport, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Rogers,-

I am very sorry that your continued ill health makes you feel obliged to give up the Bible School. Is this decision final? Mrs. Rogers tells me that now you have decided to try a little mind cure on it and are doing whatever you like. Couldn't you get a good deal of preoccupation jumping into the Sunday School problem? It is certainly a thing that would engross your attention if that is of any therapeutic value in nerve cases. This is all meant seriously.

On Wednesday at our Session meeting your resignation will be considered. I believe the Session may more properly review the situation than the cabinet and it includes some of the cabinet members. It seems to me that our school needs a good deal of thought and as the Session is the only duly constituted body that can take authoritative action, I believe we had better put the whole matter up to them. I think they also ought to canvass the question of what we teach in the school. Of course they will seek all the technical advice they feel they need. I would like to make them feel collectively responsible for all that pertains to our church and the only way to do it that I see is to put it squarely up to them.

I have been thinking over ways and means and I see no superintendent on the horizon. Here is what I have roughly sketched out as a plan. Abolish the workers organization and vest all authority for the School in the Session of the Church. Call myself superintendent. Assemble the school again except the Primary and Beginners Departments. Allot to various mem- Foster, Gold, Wilson, etc., different months when they will conduct the fifteen minute opening exercises. (Appopos of this the Men's Class has decided to have singing in their service each week.) After class period reassemble for five minute summary of lesson and ask various teachers in turn to take this part, week by week.

This necessitates using some kind of uniform lessons and I see nothing wrong about the ordinary international lessons for all from and including the Juniors. Mrs. Brooks wants them, the adults already use them, I use them in my class and that only leaves a half dozen classes whose opinion we will have to discover.

The Juniors correlated work will be tended to by the teachers and we will spread some of it over the whole school. It is too good stuff to confine to just one department.

We need a general assembly or our school will die out. The Young People's Department is rapidly disintegrating. We have about 50 now but had 86 the day we met to hear Lucy Clark. The only reason I could elicit from the boys for 9.30 vs. 12 was that they could get it over with early and go off to play. If you accommodate that kind of argument too much there will be no church at all.

Finally, every six weeks on Wednesday evening in connection with Prayer Meeting, we might have a teachers' gathering. My underlying idea is to make the teacher the pivot of the school. There the teachers can recommend plans and discuss the state of the nation. Once or twice in the year we can get up some supper meeting.

Special affairs like Children's Day, Christmas, etc., will be conducted by the leader in whose month the day falls.

Now there is my idea. I should like your criticism. If you don't like it at all, you better retain your superintendency. We are getting to the time where our Bible School must be taken up and dealt with vigorously. It is slipping away from us. I appreciate your consideration for it in resigning from it, but I am not sure but that it still needs you. If you finally have to pull out, the above step looks like the most sensible practical plan in sight.

We will present it and get the reaction of the Elders unless you want to withdraw your resignation, in which event I will consign this to the ash can.

Faithfully yours,

June 6, 1922.

Mr. Charles Upson,
Willow Street,
Lockport, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Upson,-

You were one of the first men I met in this city and the name Upson has come to mean much to me for the friendliness and kindness which always goes with it.

But I have missed you I think without exception from all our public services. You are a member here, your children come to Sunday School and I have often wondered at it.

Will you please try to attend? I do not look upon it as a formal or perfunctory act, nor do I ask it in that spirit. Religion is a very practical thing to me and I believe it is really in your interest that I make this request.

Most cordially yours,

June 8, 1922.

Rev. Thomas Guthrie Speers,
47 University Place,
New York City.

My dear Guthrie,-

I am sorry that my work here will prevent my being in Princeton on June 18th. Something has prevented me attending our meetings almost without exception since my graduation. You who are nearer Princeton are more fortunately situated in that respect.

Please give my best to your brothers, especially Pete when you write him.

I wonder if there is anything we could do as a Club to interest Princeton students in the Ministry? I do not know whether anybody goes into it now from there or not. It seems to me that would be something that was thoroughly compatible with our principles and also something in which we who are in the Ministry would probably have a greater interest.

Earl Douglass is over here in Tonawanda and I hope to see him before long.

With heartiest good wishes,

Your sincere friend,

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June 2nd, 1922.

Rev. Stewart M. Robinson,
2130 Stillman Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Stew:-

The Consecration Service of the Crusaders will be held in Murray-Dodge, at 3:00 o'clock on Sunday afternoon, June 18th. I hope you have heard from your Section Leader about the time for the meeting of your Section. It will be splendid if almost all the Crusaders in this country can get back for the Consecration Service on Sunday. Looking forward to seeing you.

Your sincere friend,

Guthrie Speers

June 26, 1922.

Mr. D. Hodson Lewis,
Board of Commerce,
Lockport, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Lewis,-

Your singing has been a wonderful help during the past season. Everyone is extremely well satisfied and we shall be glad when September comes and we certainly want and expect you back. You have entered so heartily into the spirit of the thing which I appreciate especially. You know how it is.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Lewis and Dorothy May,

Faithfully yours,

To the Officers of the Church:-

We are about to begin our second year together. The first was largely a time of experiment while we found out the capabilities and limitations of each other. Yet notwithstanding the disadvantages of such a time of getting together, I think that we can say that our church held her own. Last year was a hard year in general and it was also hard for church work. But we added some members to our number, we gathered enough money to see us through scantily, and we embarked on some needed repairs to our edifice. So far as I have been able to observe the spirit of the people is good and there is optimism as regards the future. But I do not feel that we have really struck out into the deep nor gone down into the wonderful resources which exist in our church for the work of the Kingdom.

This is Centennial Year and it seems to me that it offers a great chance to do a great piece of work in this city. I hope I may have the opportunity of telling you all my hopes and plans. Would you do me the honor to make it a point to meet with me immediately at the close of the Mid-week Service on Wednesday, September 13, 1922. I should be happy to have you at the Mid-week Service too.

The personal consideration and friendship which has been shown to me by each and every one of you has been a tremendous source of encouragement to me. I depend very much upon your help. If you feel like it I should be delighted to hear from you of any ideas or hopes which you may have for our church. Please do not be content with anything short of the best for this church of ours.

Faithfully yours,

August 17, 1922.

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Sept. 18, 1922.

My dear Mr. Robinson:—

I thank you for your letter and the book notice. I shall give the notice to Prof. Allis, the editor of the Review, when he returns. He will, I am sure, be glad to publish it. It is an admirable statement.

I hope you are enjoying your new field, and that everything is going satisfactorily with you.

We open up next week. It is too early to tell what sort of an entering class we shall have.

With sincere regards from Mrs. Loetscher and myself to you and Mrs. Robinson,

I am,

Cordially yours,

Frederick W. Loetscher